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# News Release

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## Michigan Potato Production

Michigan's 2014 potato crop was forecast to be 15.7 million hundredweight (cwt), 1 percent lower than a year ago, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Planted acres, at 43,000, decreased 1,500 acres from last year. Harvested acres, at 42,500, were down from 44,000 in 2013. Average yield, forecasted at 370 cwt per acre, was 10 cwt higher than the previous year, and if realized, represents a record high. The first potato stocks estimate for the 2014 crop year will be released December 12, 2014.

Nationally, production of fall potatoes for 2014 is forecast at 406 million cwt, up 3 percent from 2013. Area harvested, at 926,200 acres, is down 2 percent from the previous forecast and slightly below the 2013 estimate. The average yield forecast, at 439 cwt per acre, is up 14 cwt per acre from a year ago.

### Fall potato summary, November 2014

Item	Michigan					United States		
	2012	2013	2014	Record high	Year set	2012	2013	2014
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	47.0	44.5	43.0	NA	NA	1,007.8	939.3	933.8
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	46.0	44.0	42.5	374.0	1895	994.9	930.5	926.2
Yield ..... Cwt	350	360	370	370	2014	422	425	439
Production ..... 1,000 Cwt	16,100	15,840	15,725	23,256	1904	420,030	395,275	406,195